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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

BOIS ET AL.

Examiner

Tuan T. Dinh

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8 and 16-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,8 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of Group I (claims 1-5, 8, and 16-20) in the reply filed on 04/20/06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 6-7, 9-15, and 21-25 are canceled without prejudice.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-5, 8, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pommer (U.S. Patent 5,839,188).

As to claims 1, and 16, Pommer discloses a printed circuit board (PCB) substrate and its method (10) as shown in figures 1-3, comprising:

first and second dielectric materials (dielectric layers 22, 32) associated with first and second current return layers (24, 34);

a signal path layer (26; 36) interposed between said first dielectric material and said second dielectric material; and

an adhesive layer (40) interposed between said first and second dielectric materials, said adhesive layer (40) being substantially coplanar relative to said signal path layer (26; 36).

As to claims 2, 17, Pommer discloses said adhesive layer (40) is comprised of a material operable to substantially reduce attenuation due to an electrical coupling effect between a pair of signal traces (26, 36) disposed in said signal path layer.

As to claims 3-5, 18-19, Pommer discloses said adhesive layer (40) comprises dielectric material selected from the group consisting of a two-sided adhesive tape, an adhesive film having a copper foil, an epoxy adhesive sheet, and an expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (BPTFE), see column 7, line 57 through column 8, line 54, said adhesive layer has a lower loss tangent than said first dielectric material and has a higher glass transition point than said first dielectric material.

As to claim 8, Pommer discloses said first dielectric material (22) comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PR-4 material, pre-preg material core material, and B-stage substrate material, see columns 7-8.

As to claim 20, Pommer further comprising curing a layer of said PCB substrate, said layer selected from the group consisting of said first dielectric material said second dielectric material, and said adhesive layer.

**Conclusion**

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Belke, Jr. et al., Bonafino et al., Li et al., and Kametani et al. disclose related art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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